## **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2011

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Mormon Helping Hands Program

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize the Mormon's Helping Hands Program volunteers for their volunteer services to help maintain Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden.

## DISCUSSION:

On April 30, 2011, 45 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints got together and volunteered at Alice Keck Park Memorial Gardens as part of "Helping Hands Service Day." These individuals, as part of the Mormon Helping Hands Project, participated as part of a volunteer effort to serve the local communities. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mormon Helping Hands Project at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden. All of the pathways were raked and 58, one-gallon containers of ornamental grasses were planted in the Xeriscape garden. The youth also planted seven street trees along Micheltorena Street.

Staff recommends that the Mormon's Helping Hands Program volunteers be recognized for their service to the Parks and Recreation Department and Santa Barbara community.

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